

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A seat, comprising:

a seatback and a leg rest supported by a seat cushion for pivotal movement;

driving means for driving the seatback and the leg rest;

a strain gauge provided directly on ~~at least one of a~~ back surface on the proximal side of a frame in the seatback and in the leg rest for detecting, during an inclining movement, a force that acts on the frame in a direction opposite to a direction of the inclining movement, and

an operation-stopping means instantly ceasing a pivotal movement of at least one of the seatback and the leg rest not damaging obstacles thereunder when a force acting on the strain gauge as well as a force acting on the area of the seatback or the leg rest detected by the strain gauge ~~is~~are larger than a predetermined reference value.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The seat as set forth in Claim 1, further comprising alarm means for alarming that a large force is applied on at least one of the seatback and the leg rest, which is provided with the strain gauge therein, when the force that the strain gauge detected is larger than a predetermined reference value.

4. (Canceled)